

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first full paragraph at page 1 beginning with "The description of this application claims..." with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- ~~The description of this~~This application claims benefit of priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-068837, the entire ~~same contents~~content of which ~~are~~is incorporated by reference herein. --

Please replace the paragraph at page 6 beginning with "In addition, ..." with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- In addition, preferable embodiments of the present invention ~~relates~~relate to --

Please replace the section heading at page 8, line 1, with the following rewritten section heading:

-- ~~PREFERRED EMBODIMENT IN CARRYING OUT~~DETAILED DESCRIPTION THE INVENTION --

Please replace the first full paragraph at page 21 beginning with "Examples of such fiber products..." with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Examples of such fiber products of the present invention include clothes; household ~~groceries~~items such as handkerchiefs, accessories, ribbons, towels, dish cloths, wiping clothes (shoe rags, floor polishing rags, eye glass cleaning cloths, and the like); bed clothes such as blankets, sheets, bed covers, pillow cases, beddings, cushions, and the like; home furnishing such as carpets, curtains, wall papers, and the like, medical materials such as gauzes, masks, caps, and the like; hobby kits such as handicraft materials and the like. Fiber products of the present invention maybe composed of pectocellulosic fiber fabrics alone with the antibacterial agents supported or they may be used for a part of fabric materials. In addition, fiber products of the present invention may be composed of pectocellulosic fibers alone with antibacterial agents of the present invention supported. --

Please replace the last paragraph at page 23, continuing onto page 24, that begins with "Further, as a result..." with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Further, as a result of measuring ~~bonding~~the amount of bonding of the silver ion on the silver treatment cloth and the comparative silver treatment cloth of the present

invention using an X-ray fluorescence spectrometer (manufactured by Shimadzu Corporation), the amount was not greater than 6.5 m mol and 1 m mol, respectively. --

Please replace the first full paragraph at page 25 beginning with "Next, in order to ..." with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Next, in order to evaluate the stability of the antibacterial property, changes of antibacterial property by repeated water washing of a silver treatment cloth of the present invention were observed. That is, after putting a silver treatment cloth of the present invention in the above Pseudomonas aeruginosa cultured medium as mentioned above to culture it under the above conditions, a silver treatment cloth of the present invention was taken out and was washed for 1 hour in 10 ml of distilled water, and then, this was further put in Pseudomonas aeruginosa cultured medium prepared newly again, followed by culturing under the above condition and absorbance of cultured liquid was measured again as in the above mentioned method. --

Please delete the section heading at page 32 that reads "(Industrial applicability)".

Please replace the first full paragraph at page 32 beginning with "As mentioned above, antibacterial..." with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- As mentioned above, antibacterial agents of the present invention are firmly supported ~~firm~~ on pectocellulosic fibers and the antibacterial agents bond with pectocellulosic fibers stably and sustainably, which do not easily separate from pectocellulosics by washing. Therefore, since they can be used for antibacterial pectocellulosic fibers or antibacterial pectocellulosic fiber fabrics they can be used as clothes; household ~~groceries~~items such as handkerchiefs, accessories, ribbons, towels, dish cloths, wiping cloths (shoe rags, floor polishing rags, eye glass cleaning cloths, and the like), short split curtains, and the like; bed clothes such as blankets, sheets, bed covers, pillow cases, beddings, cushions, and the like; home furnishing such as carpets, curtains, wall papers, and the like, medical materials such as gauzes, masks, caps, and the like; hobby kits such as handicraft materials and the like. In addition, they can be used as antibacterial celluloses themselves. --